

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] The Wireless network 20 operates using a set of geographically-distributed transceiver stations that may have the capability to communicate by way of any of numerous alternative communication protocols or modes using radio frequency bands. In addition to analog modes, there are numerous digital modes. These include iDEN, CDMA, GSM, AMPS, and TDMA. In addition, there are several digital data packet transport modes such as SMS, GPRS, and 1XRTT, which are used for transmission of digital data, as opposed to the transmission of acoustic voice patterns in a digital format. The wireless network will generally employ several, but not all, of the modes. For instance, a typical CDMA system would support voice, and for data it would support SMS and/or 1XRTT as communication ~~1xRTT as communication~~ modes, but it would not support GPRS. Regardless of which and how many different modes the system can employ, there is at least one voice transmission mode, and one packet data mode, so that the user may use his phone handset conventionally for voice calls, or for data transmission. Other handsets 40 are also operable to connect to the wireless network, so that they may communicate with the call center, or provide voice or data communication among two or more handsets.

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] Consequently, the accessory has a good understanding of the phone's transmission capabilities and can use any of them based on its configured preference. In step 106, the accessory receives the phone information, and saves it to a transport policy management table in a storage device in the accessory, so that the accessory knows what format of data may be readily used by the phone for transmission via the network to the call center, and is ready to send data per step 110. Once the accessory has saved the identity of the available data transmission mode(s) (a.k.a. phone transport medium), in advanced embodiments, the user may configure the device to generate a particular data type suited to a selected mode. For instance, the user can configure the accessory to use the phone's voice capability when he dials 911, because this is the most readily available transport medium. The user can further configure the accessory to use GPRS when using his credit card to purchase an item, this mode of transmission is of higher bandwidth and allows quick validation. Similarly, this

method could be use to ~~downloading~~download stock prices and other financial data. In some embodiments, this capability may be accessed via a computer or hand held device such as a PDA, which may have an input device and display with greater capabilities than that of the phone or accessory.

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] FIG. 3 shows the operation of the accessory in an instance in which the user wishes to send information about his location to the call center. In step 200, the user initiates a request to transmit his location. This is initiated by actuation of the button 34 on the accessory or via an SMS-like message sent to the accessory from the handheld device such as PDA, PC or pager, or initiated by the Call Center. In response, in step 202, the accessory activates the GPS circuitry to receive GPS signal data from the GPS satellites, and stores this data in the accessory memory circuitry. In the accessory, the GPS receiver converts this data to a Reverse-Geo text format which may contain: latitude, longitude, Dilution ~~Dillusion~~-of Precision (the accuracy of the position solution, also known as DOP), heading, (i.e. the inferred direction of motion of the user based on prior cells in which the user was located), altitude, or pseudo range (i.e. the raw distance between the GPS accessory, in this case, and the GPS satellite which would include geo-spatial errors), ~~[{,}]~~ geo fencing criteria (such as whether the user is within a predetermined geographical boundary), and NMEA sentence output (National Marine Electronics Association standard positioning data format). ~~[{-}]~~ Inasmuch as additional location information may be desired by the users, the data is sent to the call center for processing.